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REMARKS

The applicant has amended the "Cross Reference to Related Applications" section of the Specification on page 1 to provide U.S. Patent Serial numbers for related applications.

In paragraph 3 of the office action, the examiner rejects claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tarui et al. (US Patent No. 6,510,496). The applicant respectfully submits that as claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance, so amended claim 24 is in condition for allowance, which allowance is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

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